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AWARD TO ADM. W. F. RABORN OF
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(Mr. LIPSCOMB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend his remarks, and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. LIPSCOMB. Mr. Speaker, last week on the evening of March 24 the National Security Industrial Association conferred on Adm. W. F. Raborn their annual Forrestal Award. This is a most distinguished award, granted by this association whose purpose is to promote mutual understanding between industries and departments of Government responsible for national defense. Just to name a few of the recipients in the past would be to include President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara.

I believe this honor is richly deserved by Admiral Raborn. I have known him for many years now. We are all aware of his outstanding accomplishments, including the development of the Polaris missile weapon system and the management skills which he brought to that program, with the result that it was completed 2 years ahead of the planned operational date.

For more than 40 years Admiral Raborn has dedicated his energies to the defense of this Nation. Upon retirement from the Navy he took up residence in my State of California. Before too long, however, we were to lose him. President Johnson called on Admiral Raborn to again serve his country and as always Red Raborn responded. In April of 1965 the President appointed Admiral Raborn as Director of Central Intelligence. I know of no more demanding job in Washington. However, Admiral Raborn brings to it his considerable talents and personal dedication. I was proud to have been present when the Forrestal Award was presented to Admiral Raborn, and I am proud to have been associated with this outstanding American for these many years. I am looking forward to our continued association.